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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Box PCT Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and first action by the Examiner, please amend the present application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1-13 as follows:

1. (AMENDED) A method for the diagnosis of ABPA in a human individual, [characterized by] comprising determining if the individual carries antibodies reactive with one

or more ABPA-related recombinant allergens.

2. (AMENDED) The method according to claim 1, [characterized in that] wherein the allergen is derived from A. fumigatus.